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News Briefs

JSIVA visit

The Defense Threat Reduction Agency Joint Staff Integrated Vulnerability Assessment Team will visit Rhein-Main April 25-30. The assessment team will be led by Col. John Cirafici.

The team will assess the installation's ability to deter and respond to a terrorist incident. The assessment process should not affect the general base populace.

However, military members and civilian employees should expect to be approached by a team member and asked about their role in Anti-terrorism and Force Protection.

CCAF graduation

The 469th Air Base Group Education Services Flight will host a Community College of the Air Force commencement at 2 p.m. May 6 at the Zeppelinhause.

Graduates include: Master sergeants **Marcel Balaoro, David Hall** and **Randolph Thompson**; staff sergeants **Larry Bright, Adam Esposito, Thaddeus Preston, Joseph Roby, Phillip Sisneros** and **Trey Walker**.

USAFE winner

Erika Robinson, an 8th grader at Halvorsen-Tunner American School and daughter of Capt. Christina Robinson, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, won the female vocalist category at the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Talent Show Saturday with her performance of "I Hope You Dance," the title track of a Lee Ann Womack album.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland

'Eggs' travaganza

Mindi and Emilee Spencer hit the jackpot during one of the four Easter egg hunts during Rhein-Main's Family Day "Eggs"travaganza Saturday in Gateway Gardens. The 469th Air Base Group Services Flight, Family Support Center and Medical Flight co-sponsored the event to help celebrate the Month of the Military Child.

SF initiates sobriety checks

USAFE initiative targets drunk drivers

By 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland
Public Affairs

The 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight will begin field sobriety checkpoints on the main base and in Gateway Gardens beginning in May.

The random checkpoints will be conducted between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. and will stop all automobiles that drive by them.

"The times of the checkpoints are when people are out drinking or returning from drinking," said Tech. Sgt. Harold Carnley, security forces operations. "They will be conducted on random days and at random hours during the target window."

The goal of the program is to stop drunk driving and to make the streets a little safer and is in accordance with U.S. Air Forces in Europe initiatives, according to Sergeant Carnley.

During a normal sobriety check a security forces member will ask to see identification from the driver. "This is the first indicator for drunk driving," he said. "The SF member can tell if they have been drinking by their breath and if they slur their speech."

If it is evident that the driver has been drinking, they will be given a field sobriety test. This can include several different tests including a "walk and turn"

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Heavy 'medal'

Lt. Gen. Arthur Lichte, U.S. Air Forces in Europe vice commander, presents the USAFE Medal of Merit to Celeste Warner-Heymann during a ceremony April 1 at the USO office in the passenger terminal. The award citation noted that during her eight-year tenure, Mrs. Warner-Heymann's contributions have become synonymous with the warmest welcome to Rhein-Main Air Base, the Gateway to Europe. The award is one of the highest that can be bestowed upon a civilian by USAFE. Mrs. Warner-Heymann began volunteering with the USO more than 45 years ago.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

Air Force announces new SRB list

**Service drops 82 AFSCs;
sites solid retention rates**

WASHINGTON — Bluesuiters will see significant changes in the newly released selective re-enlistment bonus list resulting from solid retention rates, Pentagon officials said.

Following the selective re-enlistment review board, the Air Force has published the latest SRB list which contains 62 Air Force specialties.

"The SRB program is a retention tool the Air Force uses as an incentive to help keep the right people in the right jobs to accomplish our mission," said Senior Master Sgt. Maria Cornelia, chief of retention and bonus programs at Air Force headquarters. "During this period of improved retention, it is prudent to make adjustments," she said. "Airmen should remember that SRBs are not an entitlement and must be adjusted to meet Air Force needs."

All enlisted skills were reviewed, including reporting and special-duty identifiers, officials said.

The criteria used for determining which enlisted skills will receive an SRB include

Computing SRB Awards

To calculate how much money a member will receive for their SRB, use the following formula:

- Take the number of years the member is reenlisting
- Subtract Obligated Service (if applicable)
- Multiply by the member's base pay (base pay is based on member's Grade and TIS on date of discharge - one day prior to DOE)
- Multiply by SRB multiple
- Divide by two

Members will get half of their bonus up front and the rest in equal annual installments. The last annual installment is always one year prior to member's

original ETS on that enlistment. This calculation is before taxes. If a member is currently receiving a bonus and reenlists in another zone, the member will receive both bonuses concurrently.

The Zone C SRB is only payable for obligated service not exceeding 16 years of active service. The SRB cap has been increased to \$60,000.

SRB review is conducted semi-annually, though not on a set schedule.

If an SRB is decreased or deleted, members must reenlist or extend (if eligible) before the effective date stated in the message - normally 30 days after release of the new SRB message.

current and projected manning levels, reenlistment trends, career-field force structure changes and inputs from individual career-field managers. SRBs are authorized in 0.5 increments, or multiples, and in three reenlistment zones for people with between 17 months and 14 years of service.

Zone A, which applies to Airmen reenlisting between 17 months and six years of service, incurred nine increases, 19 re-

ductions and 86 removals. Zone B, which applies to Airmen reenlisting between six and 10 years of service, had eight increases, 18 reductions and 80 removals. Zone C, which applies to Airmen reenlisting between 10 and 14 years of service, saw one increase, four decreases and 32 removals.

Additions and multiple increases were effective March 30. The SRB multiple decreases and deletions are effective April 30.

Iraqis given new hands, gift from U.S.

By 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland
Public Affairs

As Iraq rebuilds after 35 years of oppression and cruelty under Saddam Hussein, seven men and their families will finally begin to repair the pieces of their lives destroyed by the former leader's injustice.

The men had their healthy right hands amputated in 1996 for allegedly dealing in foreign currency. They passed through here April 5 on their way to Houston where they are scheduled to receive prosthetic hands at the Houston Medical Center.

"Besides having our hands amputated, we were scarred on our foreheads, between our eyebrows," said Ala'a Abdul Hussien Hassan, one of the men, noting an "X" tattoo between his eyes.

A video of the punishment, made by Saddam's secret police, revealed the horror these men and their families suffered through. Donald North, video producer and former television correspondent, discovered the videotape and the men's stories while he worked as the senior adviser for the Iraqi Media Network in Baghdad.

"I was amazed and shocked by the tape," Mr. North said. "It clearly showed doctors working with surgical instruments cutting through and severing these healthy hands. The victims were under anesthetics, and while they were still under, they had these black crosses tattooed to their foreheads."

After watching the videotape, Mr. North not only convinced the Iraqis to tell their story, but also coordinated a trip to get the men to America and receive new hands.

"It took a long time for the pieces to come together, but it has been worth it," Mr. North said. "The group is so excited about the trip and the medical treatment."

Over the past year, several organizations have combined to make this dream happen. The Houston Medical Center offered to provide medical care, and Dr. Joseph Agris has volunteered to perform much of the medical work, including removing the cross tattoos on the men's foreheads. A Houston company will donate the most modern prosthetic hands developed. Continental Airlines agreed to provide free flights, and the Pentagon assisted in getting the men out of Iraq, Mr. North said.

The group will spend about six weeks in Houston where they will receive the prosthesis and rehabilitation. After their medical treatment is complete they will travel to Washington to visit Capitol Hill and serve as witnesses to the realities of the former regime, Mr. North said.

"It was evident that these gentlemen have a story to tell, and they are confident that the United States did the right thing in liberating Iraq," said Lt. Col. Guy Parker, 469th Air Base Group deputy



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Rich Puckett

Iraqi nationals Qasim Ghida Kadhim, Laith N. Aqar, Salah H. Zinad and Nazar Abdulridha Joudi (left to right) arrive at Rhein-Main on their way to the United States for medical attention at the Houston Medical Center.

commander. "They all agree that coalition forces found all the weapons of mass destruction they needed in the mass graves and the injustices against mankind, which are evidenced by these seven men. It makes me proud to be an American and a part of this great Air Force."

"The coalition doesn't need weapons of mass destruction to justify the war," said Basim S. Ameer, another one of the Iraqi men receiving treatment. "The weapon of destruction was embedded in Saddam's brain."

The Iraqis traveled to Houston on April 6, where they will begin the medical care to alleviate the near constant pain they have endured at the point of amputation.



Rhein-Main Office

The Rhein-Main USO office is looking for volunteers to help support inbound/outbound troops during the current manning shortage in the office.

The office no longer requires volunteers to stay for four-hour shifts. Volunteers can donate whatever time they have available. The office needs up to four volunteers per shift.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign-up instead of just showing up at the terminal to help the office plan.

For more information, contact the USO at 330-6424.

Deployed commander thanks Team Rhein-Main

Serving in the 362nd Air Expeditionary Group has been a personally rewarding experience. The level of teamwork and professionalism that our members display is second to none.

We have a first-rate group of people that we work with, both within and outside the 362nd, and we can all be proud of the impact we're having supporting the war on terrorism. We each have our individual parts to play, and because of everyone's professional and often enthusiastic approach to the mission, we are doing an incredible job of getting the troops and equipment to the fight.

I'm exposed daily to the outstanding job that the folks at Rhein-Main are doing. People are going beyond the normal requirements and exceeding the standard.

People like Senior Airman Jason Patterson and Master Sgt. Darnell Clark of the 726th Air Mobility Squadron, Staff Sgt. Tonya Quash of the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron and 2nd Lt. Cheryl Johnson and 1st Lt. Jeff Adams of the 469th Air Base Group are not only doing their assigned jobs with pride and professionalism, but they are also reaching out beyond their functional areas and making the mission run more smoothly.

Of course, these are just the names that have come up so far this morning. Everyday we hear compliments on

individual members and the service they provided, and the list could, in all honesty, contain the names of any of the members of Team Rhein-Main.

This impressive teamwork spans the military and civilian, active and reserve, and even the U.S. and German communities. You only have to volunteer your free time at the United Service Organizations to see that teamwork in action.



By Col. Paul Sykes
362nd AEG
commander

Your fellow volunteers come from all of these different groups, including civilian foreign nationals who put in an incredible amount of their time to make life a little bit better for the thousands of U.S. troops that are coming from – and heading to – the desert.

Naturally, the troops are very vocal with their appreciation.

On our first night volunteering, we had just arrived in civilian clothes

with our volunteer badges on and numerous soldiers who wanted to thank us for what we were doing for them suddenly approached us. Can you imagine? These were men and women on their way to Iraq, putting themselves in harm's way to defend our great country, and here they were thanking us. It just goes to show you that we all have a role to play in accomplishing the mission, and what we do matters to our fellow brothers and sisters in arms.

Finally, I'd like to share with you some of the overwhelmingly positive

The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.

If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.

Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.

The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf.

If you have any questions, call the 469th ABG/PA office at 330-7804 or e-mail at Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil.

Col. Bradley Denison
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

330-7779

feedback we've received from our recent distinguished visitors.

Lt. Gen. William Welser, 18th Air Forces commander, was very impressed with the operation at Rhein-Main, especially the contributions being made

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The deadline for the April 30 edition of the Gateway is 4 p.m., April 22.

Warriors of the Week



Tech. Sgt. Mark Wright

Unit: 726th Air Mobility Squadron
Time in service: 18 years
Time at Rhein-Main: 4 years
Duty Title: Alternate Ground Safety Representative
Hometown: Fort Worth, Texas
Hobbies: Traveling, motorcycle riding and photography
What has been your best AF experience? The different people I've met and had the privilege to work with throughout the years.

**469th
ABG/
726th
AMS
Safety**



Tech. Sgt. Michael Wolcott

Unit: 469th Air Base Group
Time in service: 17 years
Time at Rhein-Main: 2 years
Duty Title: Ground Safety Manager
Hometown: Titusville, Fla.
Hobbies: Traveling, movies, stunt-kite flying
What has been your best AF experience? Being a safety instructor and having the opportunity to bring new safety professionals into a great career field.

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or "one leg" test. The security forces flight also can use a new portable breathalyzer, the Lion Alcolmeter 500, at any point during the check to establish probable cause.

If a driver blows more than the legal limit for on base driving, 0.05-0.08 grams/milliliter BAC for a driving while impaired (DWI) offense and higher than 0.08 g/mL BAC for a driving under the influence (DUI) offense, there will be enough probable cause and the driver will be brought into the law enforcement desk. The driver will then be tested by the legally approved analyzer, the Intoxilzer 5000, and processed accordingly. One reminder for community members is the alcohol threshold for driving in Germany is lower than the on-base blood alcohol limits.

"Security forces really don't want to arrest anyone for driving under the influence," said Master Sgt. David Saunders, operations superintendent. "Hopefully this will do one of two



Photo by 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland

Staff Sgt. Andrew Hallead checks a motorist's identification during a recent test of the new sobriety checkpoints. The checkpoints will begin in May.

things. One, it will deter anyone from driving drunk or two, if someone makes the wrong choice and chooses to drive

after drinking, we will catch them and get them off the road before they hurt themselves or someone else."

Don't back up

Drivers will notice a change in traffic lanes when exiting the main base beginning the end of April. The changes incorporate the addition of "dragon teeth." The spikes are designed to stop motorists from entering the base through outbound lanes, but are completely safe when driving the correct direction.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland

Program provides a 'cure for the summertime blues'

By Greg Cowan

Family Support Center

In the 1960s Eddie Cochran lamented in his song "Summertime Blues",

*Well, I'm gonna raise a fuss
And I'm gonna raise a holler
About workin' all summer
Just tryin' to earn a dollar*

Not to fear, the children who take part in the 2004 Summer Hire Program at Rhein-Main will make a little more than a dollar.

Applications for the 2004 Summer Hire Program are available at the Rhein-Main Family Support Center and are due no later than May 26.

The Summer Hire Program is designed to provide summer employment opportunities to dependents of military and civilian members stationed overseas.

In addition to the benefit of a paying job, it's a great opportunity for students to experience the world of work on a military installation.

The work dates for the program are June 14 to July 23, and students must be available to work at least four of the six weeks.

Student's applying for the program must be between 14 and 22 years old. Applicants must turn 14 by the first day of work and cannot work beyond their 23rd birthday.

Priority for jobs is given to students ages 16 to 22. Students must be a family member

of a military member, Department of Defense federal U.S. civilian, appropriated/ non-appropriated fund employee or Army and Air Force Exchange Service employee in the overseas area on official orders.

Family members of locally-hired civilian employees, contractors, and military banking employees are not considered eligible under the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Student Employment Program. Students must also be U.S. citizens.

The program offers two types of positions — clerical and laborer positions. Clerical workers will be working in office settings, while laborer workers will be doing light manual labor work in either indoor or outdoor settings.

As civilian employees, students will be paid \$5.14 per hour during three separate pay periods. All jobs are for 40 hours per week.

Possible work locations include the 726th Air Mobility Squadron, commissary, education office, family support center, legal office, finance office, chapel, post office, youth center, fitness center, child development center, the Gateway Inn, the Zeppelinhaus, contingency lodging, and civil engineering. This list is subject to change based on wing funding requirements.

For more information on the program, call the family support center at 330-7992.

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by our young Airmen. You could see him getting motivated from all of the positive, can-do attitudes that he witnessed. He left with a renewed sense of pride in the outstanding job that his folks are accomplishing.

Maj. Gen. John Batbie, Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, also had glowing accolades for the efforts of the total force team. Reserve members of various career fields are seamlessly integrating into the mission. In fact, when we asked the supervisors how many folks in their departments were reservists, they had difficulty identifying who on their shifts were active duty and who were reservists. It's truly that well integrated.

General Batbie mentioned how impressed he was with all of the folks that he met, and the positive impact that we are having on the mission.

Retired Gunnery Sgt. R. Lee Ermey, host of "Mail Call" and the drill sergeant from "Full Metal Jacket", also had a chance to see Team Rhein-Main. His plane was delayed here while en route to Afghanistan, and he took the extra time to go out and meet our folks and thank us for the job we are doing. He spent a lot of time talking to our Airmen and taking a personal interest in our lives. As he left, he and his camera crew mentioned how impressed they were with our folks and the pride they felt in our military.

You are doing a fantastic job, and it is getting noticed.

As I approach the end of my tour as the 362nd AEG commander, I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every one of you for a job well done.

I'm proud to be a part of a total force composed of such a group of accomplished professionals. I'm sure that I will see you all again out in the system.



USAFE Airman Information File

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MENTORING TO DEVELOP TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Rising above personal and professional accomplishments and disappointments is essential to the proper development of our future leaders. Sometimes we face situations and life-changing decisions that call for guidance above and beyond what is provided by an effective supervisor-subordinate relationship. When coping with uncertainty, failure, and even success, advice from a trusted mentor can pay huge dividends.

Front-line supervisors are in position to have the greatest impact on the development of our Airmen. However, not all supervisors are able to dedicate a laser-sharp focus on individual needs for the long-term growth and development of each and every Airman they supervise. Additionally, their background and experience may not fit the needs of every specialty under their span of control. Mentors, together with supervisors, are critical to developing our force.

Being a mentor is both challenging and rewarding. In order to be effective, mentoring relationships must be established face-to-face and based on open communication. Successful relationships evolve into partnerships that explore past experiences, current situations, and future opportunities. A long-term commitment to each other enables the mentor and mentee to develop a meaningful and lasting connection based on trust -- one that endures time and permanent change of stations. Being a mentor is a great investment; the pay off is a future leader armed with the benefit of your experiences, one who understands the value of wingman consideration, and one who will perpetuate the mentoring process.

Believe it or not, general officers and chiefs rely on mentors. We seek guidance and counsel from trusted advisers practically every day -- our success depends upon it. Unfortunately, some Airmen serve a majority of their career without experiencing the full benefits of good mentorship. Oftentimes it is not because they want to go it alone, but they simply have trouble finding somebody that understands their needs. Finding a mentor to meet specific needs is challenging and should not be left to an opportunity of chance.

Overcoming the challenges of mentorship is the thrust behind USAFE's newest force development initiative called Project Connect. This program provides a forum for senior officers to guide and enhance the individual professional development of junior officers on a one-on-one basis. It leverages technology to recruit mentors and mentees, to help match best "fits" based on needs, and to provide resources that help develop successful partnerships. Although the program's initial focus is on our junior officers, the next iteration will target NCOs and civilians.

Mentorship is more than lessons in leadership. It is about developing life skills to prepare our Airman to overcome personal and professional challenges. Find a mentor -- be a mentor -- help cultivate Project Connect and our future leaders!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doc Foglesong".

General Doc Foglesong

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Coleman".

CMSgt Gary Coleman

"Bring Your Courage"

Officials discuss new civilian system

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — A letter signed by Defense Department leaders asks DOD civilian employees to be patient as teams work to make the new National Security Personnel System a reality.

The April 1 letter, signed by David S.C. Chu, undersecretary for personnel and readiness, and Navy Secretary Gordon England, stresses that DOD sees the new personnel system as a combined effort.

The system, passed as part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, allows DOD officials to transform the civilian personnel system to make it more agile and responsive.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the new system would make it easier for the department to make new hires and keep highly skilled employees. It also would allow DOD to move workers to shortage specialties as national security concerns change, he said.

In the letter, Mr. Chu and Secretary England state, "We are determined to take the time necessary to do the job right."

Taking time will allow the department to consult with employees, managers and unions, a DOD spokeswoman said. The letter encourages people interested in the system to present

their thoughts, ideas, views and concerns.

Department officials are also working with other government agencies as they develop the new system. They are consulting with people at the Office of Personnel Management, the Office of Management and Budget and the Government Accounting Office as the new system takes shape. They are also taking lessons from the Department of Homeland Security, which built its own personnel system after it was formed last year.

Five teams within DOD are looking at process, personnel, programs, requirements and communications, officials said. A sixth team will draw recommendations from these five together in one package. That proposal is scheduled to be presented to Secretary Rumsfeld and other senior leaders in April.

Once approved, senior leaders will work with Congress on implementing the system.

Mr. Chu and Secretary England said that the system still is being formed, and few details about how the system would work are available because there is no system yet. Concepts and proposals will change over time and department leaders will do their best to keep employees informed, they said.

Information will be available on the DOD and DefendAmerica Web sites, the Pentagon Channel and local commanders' television programs. The new system also has its own Web site.



Closure Corner

This section is devoted to giving the Rhein-Main Community the most up-to-date information concerning base closure issues. All dates presented in this section are subject to change based on: manpower figures, personnel assignment information and ongoing U.S. Air Forces in Europe coordination.

Commissary

Q: What's the planned schedule for closing the commissary?

A: The Defense Commissary Agency has always stated we prefer to be one of the last service facilities to close. The commissary is planning to close in August 2005. As service members and their families PCS, the commissary will face a dwindling work force. The balancing act is to continue to support the community while operating the commissary with fewer employees. Based on past experiences, to effectively operate, there is normally a reduction in some operating hours and near the end, possibly an operating day or two. When we do close there has

to be enough allowable time remaining to empty the facility and meet the timeline for returning the building to base officials.

Q: Will there be a closure sale?

A: We do not anticipate any special close-out markdowns, but current and future sale promotions will continue until the store closes. In the past, only when a closing commissary was not within close proximity of another commissary were products considered for special markdown. Wiesbaden, Hanau and Darmstadt commissaries are considered nearby Rhein-Main.

Q: Can we still order special items and, if so, for how long?

A: Yes, but only up until the week prior to the last day of operation.

Q: Will the commissary keep their stock up until the end and, if not, what will they keep in stock?

A: As service members and their families PCS, commissary sales will drop off, as well as the demand for a variety of grocery items. Past experiences have shown families will drastically cutback their purchases three or four weeks before the pack out of their household goods. This will be watched to ensure dead stock and out-of-date products don't accrue. To do this the selection of products will be maintained, but the variety will be reduced accordingly. For example, there may be a dozen different catsups available but as fewer people shop the commissary, the different varieties will be reduced to where only the best sellers are stocked. What this means is all the typical, high demand items sold will be stocked, to include items such as fresh meat, bread, milk and eggs.

Rhein-Main blotter

compiled by Staff Sgt. Mark Long

March 17 — The Law Enforcement Desk received a call stating there was an individual entering the Rhein-Main Youth Center and the individual was not authorized to do so. Patrols responded and found the individual in a dormitory apartment. The individual was apprehended for trespassing and barred from the installation.

March 21 — An individual came to the LE Desk relating her vehicle had been stolen. The individual stated she was shopping at a pottery store around 3 p.m. when she was told her vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was secured and parked in front of the store at the time of the theft.

March 24 — A major with the 5th Signal Command reported to the LE Desk relaying his M-9 pistol was missing from his baggage. The major arrived at Rhein-Main Air Base from Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan to find his baggage missing. Two weeks later his baggage arrived. Upon inspection, all items were in place except for the M-9 pistol.

March 25 — The LE Desk received a call from the Air Mobility Command Center relating five individuals were drinking inside the passenger terminal.

The individuals were told not to drink in the terminal but ignored the order and were apprehended for disobeying a direct order.

March 26 — Two Airmen from the 726th Air Mobility Squadron relayed a taxi driver refused to return the correct change for the price of the taxi ride. The driver began yelling and pulled out a can of mace from the trunk of the vehicle. The Airmen departed the scene and reported the incident to Polizei.

March 28 — The LE Desk received a call relating that two individuals entered Frankfurt International Airport property through a hole in the fence on Ellis Road between Fraport security and Gate-6. Law enforcement personnel, polizei, and Fraport security were dispatched to the scene. The patrols apprehended two individuals walking along the road. After conducted a search, the Polizei found approximately three grams of hashish.

March 30 — An individual was found unresponsive with a bottle of liquor next to him in the day room of a contingency lodging building. Patrols responded and established contact with individual who related his base sponsor was in his room. Contact was made with the sponsor to find the individual's pass was expired. The individual was escorted to the Main Gate and released. The spon-

Crime Stop Hotline
330-7171

sor was apprehended for violating escort procedures.

March 31 — The LE Desk received a report of an individual who was laying unconscious in the fetal position and bleeding at contingency lodging. Patrols arrived on scene and provided first aid until medical personnel arrived. Due to intoxication, the individual passed out and hit his head on a heater.

April 1 — The LE Desk was notified of an individual from Heidelberg, Germany, who was placed on absent without leave status and possibly at Rhein-Main. Patrols found the individual's vehicle a dormitory parking lot. Patrols conducted a search and found the individual hiding in a dormitory apartment. The individual was apprehended and turned over to the military police.

April 6 — Law enforcement patrols apprehended an individual for missing movement/failure to obey an order or regulation. The person emitted an odor of alcohol, had trouble walking and vomited in the hallway of the Air Mobility Command Passenger Terminal.



DUI Tracker

Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

469th Air Base Group

No DUIs in 2004

726th Air Mobility Squadron

78 days

64th Replacement Company

No DUIs in 2004

Tenant Units

No DUIs in 2004

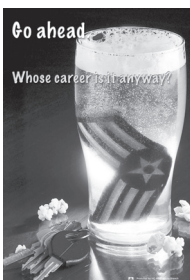
Others

91 days

The 469th ABG Top IV provides a

fund at the main gate for permanent party personnel who take a taxi back to the base instead of driving while intoxicated.

The money used must be reimbursed the next duty day.



Rhein-Main honors youth of the year

By 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland

Public Affairs

The Rhein-Main Youth Center recognized the Youth of the Year in a ceremony here April 1.

Lace Johnson-Smith, daughter of Master Sgt. Quinten Smith, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and Jacqueline Pinkett-Smith, won the award for her activity in the youth center and exemplifying character, leadership, and service to the club.

"Her influence on younger kids by showing what a leader and how dedicated she is was a great benefit," said Travis McKinney, Boys and Girls Club coordinator.

The winner is selected based on seven areas: home and family, moral character, community, school, service to club, life goals and two essays on "what the club means to them" and "why post high school education is important."

Lace is the oldest of 4 children, the senior class vice-president at H.H. Arnold High School, a member of Toastmasters International Gavel Club, active in Air Force Junior ROTC, and the president of the Rhein-Main Keystone Club.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

Lace Johnson-Smith (right) speaks after being named the Rhein-Main Youth of the Year April 1, while Chris Kitterman, runner-up, and Juliet Wells, second runner-up, look on.

Lace will compete at the U.S. Air Forces in Europe level for a \$3,000 scholarship and the chance to compete at the Air Force level.

Chris Kitterman, son of Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dennis Kitterman, 469th Air Base Group, and Cecilia was named the runner-up.

Membership drive offers \$3K grand prize

RAMSTEIN AB, Germany — U.S. Air Forces in Europe Services is hoping to boost membership at officer and enlisted clubs by sponsoring a command-wide club membership drive Thursday through June 1.

"We want to get young Airmen, who otherwise don't really know about the clubs, into the doors to see for themselves what we have to offer," said Brian Roush, USAFE Services business operations coordinator.

Focused on ensuring the younger Airmen are included, reduced fees and services discounts are just two benefits they can enjoy by joining the club.

For 75 cents a week, Airmen in the ranks of airman basic through senior airman can join a USAFE Services' club, receive valuable "Members First" discounts and get an invitation to a "Members Only Main Event" during the drive. All club members, E-4 and below, will also see their dues reduced to \$3 per month.

Services' clubs are showing their appreciation by entering all new and current club members into various local and USAFE-level prize contests.

USAFE Services is giving one club member a chance to

win a \$3,000 prize package that includes two VIP Gold tickets to the German Grand Prix Formula 1 Race in Hockenheim, Germany, July 23-25. A second member will win two round-trip tickets on American Airlines to anywhere in the continental United States.

"Many airmen think they know the club, but it has changed," said Michael Szymanski, USAFE Services Business Activities chief. "The club is not just for Friday nights; it's a place for single Airmen and families to go all week long."

This mindset is the basis of the new USAFE Services campaign "What about the Club?" It spotlights the club as a clean, convenient, inexpensive option for breakfast, lunch, dinner, social activities and entertainment for the entire family.

"Services clubs have always had dining rooms with great food and atmosphere, but today most of our clubs offer so much more," said Mr. Roush.

"Every services club has a lounge, with many offering entertainment on specific nights of the week," he said. "We have it all. Stop by your USAFE club during this membership drive and let us show you what we have just for you."

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Between the wickets

Brian McHugh, 469th Air Base Group Communications Flight volleyball coach, puts the ball down through the block of two 469th ABG Fire Department players during the Rhein-Main Intramural Volleyball Championship Tuesday at the fitness center. Comm. defeated FD 25-17, 25-14 to take their third championship in a row. They also won the regular season crown with an 11-1 record. Other team members included: Larry Bright, Derrick Day, Troy Edwards, Ron Kapise, Gene Steele, Jacob Strawn, Gary Thacker, Jonathan Walker and Trey Walker.

Sports Briefs

Varsity softball

The 469th Air Base Group Services Flight is currently accepting applications for the head coaching position of the men's varsity softball team.

Contact the fitness center at 330-7151 for more details.

Mountain bike series

Dave Gallagher, 469th Air Base Group Civil Engineer Flight, pedaled his way to third place in the men's senior division of the 2004 U.S. Forces-Europe Mountain Bike Series' first race April 3 at Camp Delta in Aviano, Italy.

His time of 1:04.38 was good enough for fourth overall. The next race in the series is set for April 17 in Wiesbaden.

For more information, call 330-7566.

Fitness challenge

The next Rhein-Main Unit Fitness Challenge is set for 3:30 p.m. April 23 at the base fitness center.

For more information, call the fitness center staff at 330-7151.

'D' fence

Nic Musgrove, Rhein-Main Varsity Soccer Team goalie, stops a shot during a FRAPORT Champions Liga Indoor Fussball Tournament 2004 game recently. Rhein-Main's Team 1 finished sixth in the tourney with a 4-4-1 record with nine goals scored. Team 2 finished the first round with a 9-0-1 mark with 20 goals scored and a number one seed for the final round which is slated to begin May 8. Chris Hernandez, Rhein-Main manager and coach said one of the teams' best attributes is the amount of heart and passion members have for the game. Anyone interested in playing soccer can contact Hernandez at 330-7275.



Courtesy photo

Live music

Catch *Harper's Ferry* at the Rocket Sports Lounge from 9 p.m. to midnight Saturday or *Wooden* from 9 p.m. to midnight Tuesday.

Auto auction

The auto skills center holds an auction Saturday. Preview begins at 10 a.m., the auction at noon.

German cooking class

The family support center hosts a German cooking class from 6 - 8 p.m. Monday at Our House, Bldg. 627B-2 in Gateway Gardens.

Participants can learn to make numerous German dishes made from "spargle." Call 330-7992 to sign up.

Spring fling

The Time for Tots Spring Fling is set for 8:05 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Wednesday.

The group will visit Luisen Park in Mannheim. The family support center provides free transportation and admission to the park. Participants should bring Euros for lunch or make other arrangements. The bus leaves from the shoppette.

Call 330-7992 to reserve seating.

Chapel Worship

The following worship opportunities are offered by the Rhein-Main Chapel:

■ Catholic worship:

Sunday Mass takes place at 9 a.m. every Sunday. CCD classes are offered every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Daily Masses are offered Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

Penance - 8-8:30 a.m. Sunday or by appointment

■ Protestant worship:

Sunday School is offered every Sunday at 9 a.m.

Worship and Kids Own Church take place every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

For more information please call the chapel at 330-7501.

Frankfurt tour

The FSC sponsors their popular walking tour of Frankfurt beginning at 7:45 a.m. Thursday.

The tour covers use of public transportation and provides a brief history of Frankfurt. Participants should wear civilian clothes and comfortable walking shoes. The FSC staff suggests participants bring at least 25 Euros for lunch and extras.

Call 330-7992 for details.

Movie & cook-out

The FSC and 469th Air Base Group Services Flight sponsor a free cook-out at the youth center and a free showing of "*Cheaper by the Dozen*," at the base theater April 24 in celebration of National Volunteer Month.

The cook-out starts at noon with the movie to follow at 1:30 p.m.

For free tickets, call 330-7992.

Money makers

■ Organizations can raise money by operating food booths at the Rhein-Main Community Spouse's Club Bazaar May 14-16. Deadline to apply is today.

For more information, call Michelle Moore at 069-6986-1788.

■ The CSC is also accepting bids for outdoor security/maintenance and set-up/tear down functions for the bazaar. Deadline to place a bid is today.

For more details, call 069-6809-1594.

Volunteers needed

The annual Rhein-Main Bazaar is set for May 14-16. Organizers are currently looking for volunteers to help set up what could be the finale for this long-standing event.

For more information, call 6500-6670 or 330-8084.

Give Parents a Break

The last day to sign up for April's Give Parents a Break program is April 28. The program is open to children 6 weeks to 12 years. Referrals are made through commanders, first sergeants, chapel, clinic, family advocacy, FSC or the child development center.

Contact the FSC at 330-7992 or the

Movies at Rhein-Main

Tonight - "*Spartan*," (R), 7 p.m.

Saturday - "*The Big Bounce*," (PG-13), 5 p.m., and "*Calendar Girls*," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

Sunday - "*The Perfect Store*," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Wednesday - "*Home on the Range*," (PG), 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp

For sale

2 med. dog kennels/cages-Airline appr.-good condition-\$25; 2 German handys-use Euro cards-\$50 per handy; small microwave-\$25; 3 German floor fans-\$15-\$20 per fan; power strip/surge protector and misc. 220v adapters-\$7; girls 24-inch bike-very good cond.-\$25; German radio/alarm clock-\$10; children's roller blades-\$10; children's bike helmet-\$7; 4-piece kitchen canister set (country apple dec.)-\$10; misc. cloths in good condition-men's sizes LG-XLG, women's size 4; pre-teen girls,boys. Call 069-9563-8799 or 0175-254-5251.

CDC at 330-7017 for more information.

Feast Friday

Join the FSC at the Brau Haus in Mainz-Kastel at 6:30 p.m. April 30.

Participants should meet at the shoppette parking lot at 6:30 p.m. The program coincides with the Give Parents a Break Program, which runs from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Call 330-7992 for more information.

Fitness month

May is fitness month and the base fitness center has several events planned that will all be tied to the Rhein-Main Unit Fitness Challenge. Call 330-7151 for details.